Printing of currency notes by Private Sector Company

2610. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow printing of currency notes by a controversial Indian Company in association with an Australian Company;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposal has been recommended by the Reserve Bank of India; and

(d) if so, the reasons for allowing a private sector company to enter in such a sensitive area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALA SAHEB VIKHEPATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Investment in manufacturing and mining by Public Sector, Private Sector Companies

2611. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total investment made by Public Sector Companies vis-a-vis Private Limited Companies in manufacturing and mining during 1997-98 and 1998-99;

(b) what were the profits made by the respective sectors before and after tax payment in the said years; and

(c) what were the provisions made for depreciation and interest, sector-wise in those years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALA SAHEB VIKHEPATIL): (a) to (c): *Public Sector* Information so far as Central Public Undertakings are concerned is available in Table 5.4 and Statement 4 and 5 of Volume I of the Public Enterprises Survey 1997-98 and 1998-99 which were laid in the Rajya Sabha on 26.2.1999 and 15.3.2000 respectively and are published document.

Private Sector: As per the estimates of National Accounts Statistics, investment measured by Gross Fixed Capital Formation which includes